

Serial No. 09/993,751
Amendment Dated March 10, 2005
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Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 and 35-41 are currently pending in the application. Claims 36, 38, 40 and 41 are canceled.

The allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-15 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 36, 38 and 40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claims 8, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner states that the claims contain subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 8, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner states that the claims contain subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicants previous arguments are maintained.

In order to expedite prosecution, the subject matter of claims 36, 38 and 40 is incorporated into claims 35, 37 and 39 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant maintains the right to file a continuing application on the original claims.

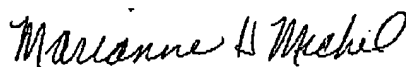
In order to expedite prosecution, claim 8 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant maintains the right to file a continuing application on the original claim.

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Claim 41 has been canceled in order to expedite prosecution. Applicant maintains the right to file a continuing application on the original claim.

In view of the amendments and comments above, reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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